

## CLAIMS

1. A stanchion for a tarpaulin structure which can be locked on a fixing member (10), characterized in that the stanchion comprises a counterbearing (28), and that a supporting element (29) which can be inserted between the fixing member (10) and counterbearing (28) is provided.
2. The stanchion as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the supporting element (29) comprises a lower boundary, which is matched in a form-fitting manner to the fixing member (10), and an upper boundary, which is matched in a form-fitting manner to the counterbearing (28).
3. The stanchion as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the supporting element (29) is fixed on a part of the stanchion.
4. The stanchion as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the supporting element is fixed on the fixing member (10).
5. The stanchion as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the supporting element is an additional part to the stanchion and fixing member (10).
6. The stanchion as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the supporting element (29) is arranged on a lever arrangement (19) provided for raising and locking the stanchion.

7. The stanchion as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the lever arrangement (19) comprises a main lever (22), on which the supporting element (29) is fixed, and an auxiliary lever (20) which connects the main lever (22) and the body of the stanchion.
8. The stanchion as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the intermediate lever (20) and the main lever (22) are designed essentially as U-shaped parts which engage one over the other in the locked state of the stanchion.
9. The stanchion as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the supporting element (29) and the counterbearing (28) are covered by a base of at least one of the U-shaped levers (20, 22) in the locked state of the stanchion.
10. The stanchion as claimed in one of claims 7 to 9, characterized in that the main lever (22) has a handle recess (25) arranged above its joint (23) for the auxiliary lever (20).
11. The stanchion as claimed in one of claims 6 to 10, characterized in that when the stanchion is locked, the joints (21, 23) of the lever arrangement (19) do not transmit any vertical forces.
12. The stanchion as claimed in one of claims 6 to 11, characterized in that the lever arrangement (19) comprises a claw part (24) which can be brought into engagement with the fixing member (10).
13. The stanchion as claimed in one of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that the stanchion has in its foot region a transverse web (26) which, in the locked state, reaches behind a lug (10d) of the fixing member (10).
14. The stanchion as claimed in one of claims 1 to 13, characterized in that the stanchion has in its foot region struts (27) which run vertically and are provided at a distance from each other that corresponds to the width of the fixing member (10).

15. The stanchion as claimed in claim 13 and 14, characterized in that the transverse web (26) and the struts (27) are designed as a common part.
16. The stanchion as claimed in one of claims 1 to 15, characterized in that the counterbearing (28) upwardly bounds a cutout (30) of the stanchion.
17. The stanchion as claimed in one of claims 1 to 16, characterized in that the stanchion is composed of an upper stanchion part (11) and a lower stanchion part (12) which grip in each other.
18. The stanchion as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the lower stanchion part (12) has a profile with projections (15) which run in the longitudinal direction of the stanchion and have a rectangular profile.
19. The stanchion as claimed in one of claims 1 to 18, characterized in that a supporting surface (11a) is provided, which surface, when the stanchion is raised, comes into contact with a longitudinal support (6), and in that an extension (17) provided with rollers (18) protrudes above the supporting surface (11a).
20. The stanchion as claimed in one of claims 1 to 19, characterized in that the counterbearing (28) is designed as a metal body which is connected fixedly to the body of the stanchion.
21. A stanchion arrangement, comprising a fixing member (10) and a stanchion (7), which can be released therefrom, as claimed in one of claims 1 to 20.
22. A tarpaulin frame for a loading area (4) built over by a tarpaulin structure, having longitudinal supports (6) which run above edges of the loading area (4), characterized  
by a stanchion arrangement as claimed in claim 21, in which the fixing member (10) is secured in the region of the loading area (4) and the stanchion (6) is locked in its foot

region on the fixing member (10) and is supported against the corresponding longitudinal support (6) by means of an upper supporting surface (11a).

23. The tarpaulin frame as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that the tarpaulin structure is designed as a sliding tarpaulin (3).